

IN HONOR OF CHIEF LARRY J. HOLMES, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Larry J. Holms, Director of Fire Services for the Orange County Fire Authority. Chief Holms is retiring after 35 years of exemplary service to the citizens of Orange County and the State of California.

Chief Holms served as the Director of Fire Services since the inception of the Orange County Fire Department in 1980. He is retiring as the director of the Orange County Fire Authority. He has been responsible for the largest regional firefighting department in California, staffed by over 935 volunteers and 750 paid-call firefighters.

After the devastating 1993 Laguna Beach fires, Chief Holms was instrumental in establishing a helicopter program for the Orange County Fire Authority. This is the only Fire Service helicopter program in Orange County.

Chief Holms has been in the Fire Service for over 35 years. Prior to his current position, he was the Fire Chief in the city of Tustin Fire Department, a Battalion Chief for the California Department of Forestry and worked for the Huntington Beach Fire Department for 9 years.

His many career accomplishments include: past President of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association; member, Board of Directors for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services FIRESCOPE; member, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services Standardized Emergency Management System [SEMS] Development Advisory Committee; appointed member of the Building Standards Commission; served as Acting County Administrative Officer in 1985; past member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Red Cross; and, past member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Poison Prevention Foundation.

I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Chief Holms for his outstanding service to his community. There are many deeds and courageous acts that easily distinguish Chief Holms as a firefighter, a citizen, and a leader. The citizens of Orange County have been very fortunate to have such a remarkable individual watching over them. Let us wish Chief Holms many years of enjoyment and happiness in his retirement.

MOTHER'S DAY 1997

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all mothers, with special admiration and appreciation for the two important mothers in my life, my own mother, Mr. Ivalita Jackson and my mother-in-law, Mrs. E. Theophia Lee.

I would like to thank my mother for her commitment and dedication to our family. My

mother worked very hard to do the best for her children in this world by instilling the values of God, family, and community. She set before me the goal of working to accomplish success in life by not resting on the laurels of yesterday, but on the promise of another tomorrow. She offered strength and dignity in the face of difficulty.

I thank her, not only for the gift of my life, but the joy she provided in my experience of growing up.

I would like to also extend a special Mother's Day greeting to my mother-in-law, Theophia Lee. I hold her in great esteem and respect for the devotion she showed as a mother to my husband, Elwyn, who is the man he is today because of her nurturing.

This Mother's Day greeting is not only for the two mothers I have singled out, but it is also a tribute to all of the mothers of the 18th Congressional District who will be honored this Sunday, May 11, on our Nation's day for mothers.

This Mother's Day is for grandmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, mothers who take in children, mothers who adopt, those who act as mothers, for those women who have no relations by blood but who give the gift of mothering to children.

Our Nation's mothers are the foundation for the most prosperous and productive country in the history of the world. They are the nurturers, and care givers that prepare our Nation's young for the challenges that life may hold. Their work may be inside or outside of the home, or both, and their contributions to this society can never be fully appreciated or valued.

Mothers bring a unique and valuable perspective to all aspects of American life. Today, thousands of mothers in this country have become active and effective participants in public life and public service, promoting change and improving the quality of life for men, women, and children throughout the Nation. They serve with distinction as legislators, mayors, judges, doctors, lawyers, and administrators, and their impact in these areas has proved to be monumental.

I could not find words descriptive enough to fully express the depth of admiration for women who fill this important role in our society. They are committed to their families and community not for public acclaim, but for love. Many of them are single and have no real financial support save for the income provided by their own efforts.

They may feel the crushing weight of the glass ceiling, in limited promotional opportunities, and most acutely when pressures of home and work conflict. This conflict should not be seen as a detraction from your ability to be a leader in corporate America, but a vital leadership skill to hold or to have held the rank of mother.

Many mothers in this country are members of our working poor. They work for minimum wage at jobs that make great physical and emotional demands while meeting the challenge of providing guidance and support to their children. Every day, I am humbled by the accomplishments of these mothers.

I would like to also extend a special Mother's Day wish to new mothers. Know that you are loved and appreciated in your new roles as care givers to our Nation's next generation. Mother is the highest title which you will hold for the rest of your life.

I wish all mothers a blessed and joyous Mother's Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I must return to my congressional district for a previously scheduled constituent meeting and will miss the following votes:

Rollcall vote No. 111, the Stupak amendment (#1) to H.R. 3 to authorize discretionary grants for juvenile crime prevention and control and strengthen federal juvenile court proceedings for dealing with violent juveniles. Had I been here I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 112, the Waters amendment (#2) to H.R. 3 to strike the provision that requires juveniles who are accused of conspiracy to commit drug crimes to be prosecuted as adults. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 113, the Conyers amendment (#3) to H.R. 3 to strike provisions in the bill relating to the prosecution of 13-year-olds as adults. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 114, the Scott amendment (#4) to H.R. 3 to strike provisions in the bill that allow states to use block grant funds to build prisons and detention centers. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 115, the Lofgren amendment (#5) to H.R. 3 to earmark 50 percent of block grant funds for juvenile crime prevention programs. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 116, the Dunn amendment (#7) to H.R. 3 to require States, in order to receive Byrne Grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, to submit a plan to the Attorney General to notify parents whenever a juvenile who has been found guilty of committing sexual offenses is enrolled in an elementary or secondary school. Had I been here, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 117, a motion to recommit H.R. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 118, final passage of H.R. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO LEO DOZORETZ

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. Sherman, and I are honored to pay tribute to Leo Dozoretz, who this year is receiving the inaugural David Ben Gurion Award for outstanding service and commitment to the United Jewish Fund. He is being honored by the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance.

Leo is an ideal choice for this award. Indeed, we can think of few people as dedicated